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To the Right Honourable the Lords and Commons assembled in PARLIAMENT.

The humble Petition of divers Inhabitants of the City of LONDON, *and the Liberties thereof,*

Sheweth,

THat the preſent ſenſe of our miſeries, and apprehenſions of inevitable ruine both of Church and Commonwealth, make us become humble ſuitors to this Honourable Aſſembly (the likelieſt meanes under God for our reliefe) to conſider our diſtreſſed eſtate, and provide a ſpeedy remedie for our preſent and future evills.

Earneſtly deſiring you to weigh the Caſe and Iudgement of our Predeceſſours, who by a knowne Law ſettled and preſerved our Proteſtant Religion, our Liberties and properties, with a right underſtanding betweene King and ſubjects, which produced peace and plenty in our ſtreetes.

And to reflect with ſerious thoughts upon our preſent diſtempers, violating religion by Papiſts and Sectaries, engaging our Nation in a Civill, bloudy, and diſtructive warre, invading our Lawes and Liberties, endangering all our lives, and utterly diſabling us to relieve our diſtreſſed brethren in Ireland.

We beſeech you likewiſe to conſider the effects of a continued war, as the diſtructions of Chriſtians, the unnaturall effuſion of blood, Fathers againſt Sonnes, Brothers by Brothers, Friends by friends ſlaine; then famine and ſickneſſe the followers of a Civill warre, making way for a generall confuſion and invaſion by a forraigne Nation, while our Treaſure is exhauſted, our Trade loſt, and the Kingdome diſpeopled.

Theſe things weighed and enlarged by your wiſedomes we doubt not will be as ſtrong motives in you to labour, as in us to deſire a ſpeedy peace, and happy accomodation.

Wherefore we humbly crave, that not lending an eare to any fomentours to the preſent war, under what pretence ſoever: nor remembring ought that may encreaſe jealouſies, or continue diviſions betweene his Majeſtie and his Houſes of Parliament, you will ſpeedily tender His Majeſtie (according to His Regall intimations) ſuch propoſitions for accommodation as he may with honour and ſafety to the whole Kingdome accept.

For effecting whereof wee ſhall be ready to aſſiſt you with the beſt and utmoſt of our abilities, and whilſt you endeavour peace, wee ſhall ſend up our prayers to heaven for the bleſſing of peace upon you and all that deſire it.